Pune, the Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (VRDE)-Ahmednagar; the Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP)-Dehradun etc. CNG cylinders are also approved by the Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur. The approved CNG kits can be retrofitted on the vehicles by the workshops which are duly approved by the Transport Departments of the State Governments. With regard to auto LPG, the Central Government have notified the LPG (Regulation of Use in Motor Vehicles) Order, 2001 for use of LPG in vehicles. In terms of this order, the use of Auto-LPG in motor vehicles is allowed only in case it is fitted with a permanent Auto-LPG tank and a conversion kit as approved by the authorities/testing agencies as notified in the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 2001.

(e) and (f) The following measures have been taken by the Government to forestall the misuse of domestic LPG cylinders in vehicles:—

(i) State Government have been advised to impress upon district authorities the need to intensify their supervision of LPG driven vehicles and taken action as per law in case of violations.

(ii) Supplies to domestic LPG distributors are regulated by the Oil Marketing Companies(OMCs) in line with the customer population and per capita consumption of that market, based on last year's sales for the same month.

(iii) Publicity campaigns are launched by OMCs from time to time to make the public aware about the hazards associated with the unauthorized use of domestic LPG cylinders as auto LPG.

Monsoon tourism

207. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tourism in India provides over 25 million direct jobs through India's share in global tourism is dismal and stood at 0.4%;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the CM has proposed monsoon tourism to provide a fillip to the industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the estimates prepared by World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), total travel & tourism economy employment (direct & indirect) in India during 2004 has been 24.46 million. Its share of the world tourist travel is 0.44%.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Confederation of Indian Industry (Cll) organized a National Conference on Tourism: "The Monsoon India" in July, 2005 at New Delhi with the objective to showcase that monsoon is the most romantic and vibrant season of the year; that it is in this time when nature is at its glorious peak with lush green vegetation bringing about a natural freshness in the surroundings, and; how attractive packages can be designed to attract tourists during Monsoon. The deliberations at the Conference highlighted how the monsoon season in India can be promoted as the happening season for tourists and what is so unique about this season in our country.

Growth in tourism industry in southern region

208. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey carried out by Confederation of Indian Industry, Southern Region has revealed that the tourism sector posted the highest growth of 25 per cent last year;

(b) whether the objective of the survey was to analyse the performance of the top five sectors in each of these States during 2004-05 and identify their issues and concerns;

(c) whether tourism industry in Kerala reported an over 25 per cent growth in profits in 2004-05 despite tsunami threat;

(d) if so, what are the other main features of the study and whether Government have considered the survey report; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) According to the Business Outlook Survey carried out by the Confederation of Indian industry (Cll), Southern Region,